GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT PRONE AREAS
BIR SING MAHATO;DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the drought prone areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the relief measures taken by the Government in these areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c): The Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) is implemented by the Departmentof Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development in identified Drought Prone Areas.The scheme is at present implemented in 183 districts in 16 States in the country as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with an outlay of Rs.705.00 crore during the Ninth Plan.The budget allocation of Rs.295.00 crore has been made for this scheme for the year 2003-04. A total areas of about 98.24 lakh ha. has been treated with an investment of Rs.1768.24 crores by the end of March, 2002 since inception of the scheme.